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Wiener Neustadt Airfield

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1. On 18 April 1951, swept-back jet fighters were observed for the first time at Wiener-Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. The planes had circular openings at the nose and rear and were fitted with rudder assemblies slanting upward towards the rear; the elevator assembly was set in the upper third of the rudder assemblies. Nose wheels and three to five slots on the sides of the noses were observed. The planes were [redacted]. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. six jet fighters engaged in continuous flying, two planes taking off simultaneously for flights of 30 minutes duration were seen. Six jet fighters were parked at the site where two rows of conventional fighters had previously been seen.

2. Two rows of Pe-2s and twin-engine transports, which had been previously observed, were also seen at the installation. Three radio trucks with extended antennas and a radio installation with a radio truck and a wooden hut were seen at the field. A row of seven spotlights was observed near the take-off point of the jet fighters. The spotlights previously observed at the airfield were still at the same place. However, the truck with a box-like superstructure and the power unit were not there. Billieting equipment was being unloaded from trucks, [redacted] at houses opposite the airfield administration building. A radio truck near a radio installation with a high, braced rod antenna was observed between the demolished houses not far from the administration building. The radio truck, marked with an artillery insignia, [redacted]. A second radio truck was also standing there. Motor vehicles observed included tank [redacted] trucks. [redacted]

3. Eight fighters were parked east of the Feuerwerksanstalt (pyrotechnic plant). Motor vehicles observed proceeding to and from the Feuerwerksanstalt included [redacted] loaded with 20 EM and an air force junior lieutenant. Ten trucks were parked near the fighters. *

Comment. The information contained in the report is believed to be correct. The observation of jet fighters at Wiener Neustadt, presumably [redacted] is surprising since the field was believed to have had no runway.

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None of the reports received after the summer of 1942 mentioned that a runway had been built. Clarification of the question whether a runway was actually built is of importance in order to determine whether the Soviets are in a position to employ jet planes from landing fields with turf cover. Wiener Neustadt airfield is large enough to accommodate jet fighters. Troop and equipment transports from Papa to Eisenstadt and from Eisenstadt to Bad Fischau at the western edge of Wiener Neustadt airfield have been observed.

From observation of motor vehicle blocks and shipments dispatched at Papa, it is believed that the MiG-15s arrived from Hungary.

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